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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

GERARD *et al.*

Appl. No.: (To be assigned; Divisional of
U.S. Appl. No. 09/064,057)

Filed: (Herewith)

For: **Compositions and Methods for
Reverse Transcription of Nucleic
Acid Molecules**

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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution in the above identified matter, please amend the
application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, line 4, after "present application" please insert -- is a divisional of U.S.

Application No. 09/064,057, filed April 22, 1998, which --.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims ~~10-21, 26-40, 46-80, and 89-115~~, without prejudice to or
disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.